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2010/6. Annual report of the Executive Director: progress and achievements in 2009 and report on the in-depth review of the medium-term strategic plan 2006-2013

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the annual report of the Executive Director and the report on the in-depth review of the medium-term strategic plan 2006-2013 (E/ICEF/2010/9), and its companion document on the revised annexes to the medium-term strategic plan (E/ICEF/2010/10), and commends the process, including the analysis of results and revisions based on the review;

2. *Endorses* the general conclusions of the review, including the adjustments envisaged for the remaining period of the current medium-term strategic plan;

3. *Reiterates* the need for UNICEF to continue to improve its results-oriented reporting to the Executive Board and looks forward to progress in this regard in the annual reports starting in 2011, including better demonstration of its value added to national results;

4. *Requests* UNICEF to continue to report on the results of its contributions to humanitarian relief and assistance, joint programming where it exists and upstream contributions to national capacities and policies;

5. *Welcomes* the inclusion of lessons learned and recommendations for future directions in the annual report of the Executive Director and in-depth review of the medium-term strategic plan, and requests UNICEF to include in its future annual reports, starting in 2011, concrete steps to build on these lessons learned and recommendations and report against progress made;

6. *Stresses* the need to report on progress on indicators, against the baseline data in the medium-term strategic plan, to allow better comparing of achievements made over the years towards the end targets;

7. *Encourages* UNICEF to integrate the reporting on gender equality results throughout its annual report of the Executive Director and calls upon UNICEF to continue to improve performance on this cross-cutting issue;

8. *Looks forward* to a discussion on the end-of-cycle review of the extended medium-term strategic plan and the process of planning the next medium-term strategic plan at the first regular session 2012.

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2010/7. Report on progress in the implementation of the management response to the gender policy evaluation

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* gender equality as one of the cross-cutting strategies of the medium-term strategic plan of UNICEF;

2. *Reaffirms* the need for UNICEF to promote gender equality and empowerment of women, as well as the rights of the child, in particular the girl child;

3. *Takes note* of the report and matrix on progress in the implementation of the management response to the UNICEF gender policy evaluation (E/ICEF/2010/11 and E/ICEF/2010/12);

4. *Welcomes* the efforts of UNICEF to improve training and disseminate practical operational guidance for staff in each of the UNICEF focus areas for integrating gender equality and empowerment of women in programmes;

5. *Emphasizes* the need to plan for and achieve gender equality results as a key purpose of the policy in order to contribute to the 2006-2013 UNICEF medium-term strategic plan;

6. *Requests* UNICEF to take concrete steps to improve the identification, definition and achievement of gender equality results at country level, including the collection of sex-disaggregated data;

7. *Emphasizes* the need to ensure adequate financial and human resourcing for gender equality and empowerment of women, and in this regard urges UNICEF to track its resource investments by establishing its gender marker tool to benchmark and monitor progress;

8. *Urges* progress on the implementation of institutional accountability mechanisms;

9. *Urges* continued effort in the area of leadership to improve the integration of gender equality in programming and policy at headquarters, regional and country levels, and also to improve targeted action;

10. *Requests* UNICEF to report on the progress of its gender equality work in line with the medium-term strategic plan at the annual session 2011.

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2010/8. Draft country programme documents

The Executive Board

Approves the aggregate indicative budget for the following country programmes of cooperation:

Region/country	*Period*	*Regular resources*	*Other resources*	*Document E/ICEF/2010/*
Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States				
Azerbaijan	2011-2015	4 585 000	12 500 000	P/L.2
Belarus	2011-2015	3 750 000	4 200 000	P/L.3
Georgia	2011-2015	3 750 000	25 300 000	P/L.4
Serbia[1]	2011-2015	3 750 000	50 500 000	P/L.5 and P/L.5/Add.1
Turkey	2011-2015	4 180 000	38 000 000	P/L.6
East Asia and the Pacific				
Cambodia	2011-2015	32 530 000	75 000 000	P/L.7
China	2011-2015	50 615 000	82 000 000	P/L.8

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Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2011-2015	9 305 000	118 842 000	P/L.9
Malaysia	2011-2015	3 750 000	10 000 000	P/L.10
Myanmar	2011-2015	83 585 000	115 000 000	P/L.11
Eastern and Southern Africa				
Swaziland	2011-2015	3 755 000	31 750 000	P/L.12
Middle East and North Africa				
Iraq	2011-2014	7 936 000	200 000 000	P/L.13
Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Occupied Palestinian Territory	2011-2013	12 000 000	26 085 000	P/L.14

[1] UNICEF activities in Kosovo are being planned and implemented in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

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2010/9. Request by the United Republic of Tanzania to present a draft common country programme document to the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

The Executive Board

Recalling its decisions 2002/4, 2006/19 and 2008/17 on the country programme approval process:

1. *Notes* the request of the United Republic of Tanzania to present a draft common country programme document incorporating a common narrative with agency-specific components, results frameworks and related resource requirements for UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP;

2. *Notes further* that the draft common country programme document will be submitted for discussion by the respective agencies during the first regular session 2011 and for approval of the respective agency component during the annual session 2011;

3. *Decides* to consider the draft common country programme document of the United Republic of Tanzania on an exceptional basis;

4. *Decides further* that the revised common country programme document will be posted on the websites of the respective organizations no later than six weeks after the discussion, and a hard copy of the revised document will be provided, upon request, to Executive Board members by the secretariat;

5. *Stresses* that, in line with its decisions 2002/4 and 2006/19, the agency component of the common country programme document will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring the common country programme document before the Executive Board.

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2010/10. Extensions of ongoing country programmes

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the one-year extensions of the country programmes approved by the Executive Director, as indicated in table 1 in document E/ICEF/2010/P/L.15, for Albania, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Oman, Peru, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine and Viet Nam.

2. *Approves* the two-year extensions for Nepal, Namibia, Pakistan and Sierra Leone and the second one-year extension for Chile and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as presented in table 2 in document E/ICEF/2010/P/L.15.

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